

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 01-11-06**

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For Work Week Commencing: November 5, 2001
Business Meeting: November 6, 2001, 9:00 a.m.

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Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated (Dave).

1. D2001.1.5 – MPC – MPC/Northwestern sale – To discuss MPC motion for expedited procedural schedule (11/6/01)
2. D2001.7.100 – MPC – Avoided cost compliance filing – To act on motion for protective order (11/6/01)
3. n/a general - MPC gas restructuring – Discussion and direction on upcoming matters (11/6/01)
4. D97.8.140, 01-179 Mont. Sup. Ct. – Lone Mountain Springs, Cronin v. PSC – Appeal of PSC approval of transfer – Discussion of procedure, possible dismissal (11/6/01)
5. D2001.8.104 – CenturyTel – Line extension to Star Meadows – Discussion and action on CenturyTel's withdrawal (11/6/01)
6. D2000.5.70 – Qwest – Investigation into Qwest's compliance with Section 271 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 – Approve or revise

preliminary report on Emerging Services – Dark Fiber and Packet Switching (11/6/01)

7. General discussion for education purposes – General discussion of the meaning of a contested case, discussion of procedural schedules, Commissioner obligations and opportunities, ex parte, bias, role of staff, etc. (11/6/01)
8. D2000.5.70 – Qwest – Track A requirements of Section 271 – To discuss and get Commission direction to issue a Preliminary Order on Qwest's Track A Compliance (11/8/01)

Weekly Scheduling Meeting – Will be held at 8:45 a.m. on the day of the Business Meeting

Action Items All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. QWEST, N2001.10.132 (DAVE B.)

On October 9, 2001, Qwest filed Tariff Transmittal 01-32, requesting in an effort to simplify the Qwest Local Long Distance product family, effective Nov 15, 2001, that certain Calling Connection Plans be grandfathered to existing customers and no new subscribers or changes to these plans be allowed. The plans proposed to be grandfathered are Business Daytime Connection Plus, Volume Calling Connection, Simple Value, City Connection and Tenant Calling Connection. Qwest will continue to offer its Super Savings Plan.

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1. QWEST, N2001.10.145, Tariff Transmittal 01-33 (Dave B.)

On October 23, 2001, Qwest Communications, submitted Tariff Transmittal 01-33, ISDN Single Line Service Promotion. Qwest requests that during a 90 day promotional period from November 19, 2001 through February 15, 2002, a \$100.00 rebate check be provided to customers entering into at least a one year rate stability agreement for ISDN Single Line Service. This promotion will be available on orders placed and/or completed during the promotional period or at the next available offered due date, and where facilities are available.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

Tentative Action Items for Agenda 01-11-13

New Filings Received in Past Week

N2001.10.146 – Cut Bank Gas – Request for clarification - Natural Gas Default Supplier